

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

I strongly oppose actions that would lead to consolidation of media ownership. The regulations in place ensure a diversity of media in every media market. If TV stations and newspapers in the same market are owned by the same corporation, it will lead to more "synergistic" news coverage, which may save money but ultimately means getting news from fewer sources. If a newspaper chooses not to cover a story, and a TV station has the same owner, there is less likelihood that the story will be covered